

ment from each of the New Companies be sent as the Com- Letter Bk. III
missary of Musters & Stores will find himself under great
Difficulties in case any other entire Company should be
ordered thither, And as I would give our Assembly as little
room as possible to complain that due Regard has not been
paid to their Acts or Resolves, I could wish that at least one
of the Subaltern Officers of Capt Dagworthy's Company with
a few men from both his & Ioshua Bealls was ordered down
to Fort Frederick that the musters may be taken & the Rolls
dated at that place as conformable as possible to the Direc-
tions of our Act which you know I as Governor must regard
& if I can see executed tho you as a Military Officer apointed
to command in these parts may not think yourself under any
such Obligation. I acquainted the Earl of Loudoun with our
Assembly's refusing to put the Troops that they had agreed
to support under your immediate Command notwithstanding
his Ldp's Requisition I am glad to find that he has represented
the Affair home in much the same light that I had done & I
hope thereupon to receive such Instructions to lay before the
Assembly at their next meeting as will convince them that
their late Conduct with respect to this Matter does not meet
with His Majesty's Approbation. As I expect that Capt
Dagworthy & M^r Ross have or will make some Application
to you concerning the Provisions that were left by the Vir-
ginians at Fort Cumberland, I shall just mention a few Cir-
cumstances that it may be proper for you to be acquainted
with. When the Earl of Loudoun was pleased to order that
Fort Cumberland should be garrisoned by Maryland Troops
Governor Dinwiddie observed that a considerable quantity of
Provisions was laid in there by the Virg^a Commissary & asked
me if I should be willing that they should be left for the use
of the Maryland Troops that were to march thither & if in
such Case I would order a like quantity to be laid in at Win-
chester. I told the Governor that I thought his Offer was an
Advantageous One for the Person that should engage to
victual our Troops & said I did not doubt but it would be
readily accepted, but I observed to him at the same time that
the Care of victualling as well as of cloathing our Men was
left to certain Persons appointed by the Assembly & who were
not dependant on me or obliged to obey my Orders. On my
mentioning to M^r Ross what had passed between Governor
Dinwiddie & me he said that he should not fail to deliver at
Winchester Provisions in lieu of what the Virginians may
leave at Fort Cumberland & thereupon I told Capt Dagworthy
when I ordered him to march thither that the Men under his
Command were to be victualled with the Provisions that he
should find in the Fort He soon after made me a Return of